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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-17 and 22-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the Office Action states that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants have responded by amending claims 1 and 21.

Claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the Office Action states that the claims are not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention.

Applicants have responded by amending claim 18.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the Office Action states that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants have responded by amending the specification.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)**Rejection Under Mazzarella and Moss**

Claims 1-20 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent Number 6,819,921 issued to Mazzarella et al. on November 16, 2004 in view of U. S. Patent Number 6,785,372 issued to Moss on August 31, 2004.

Applicants have avoided this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

Applicants have amended claim 1 with a modified version of a limitation from the previously submitted claim 25. As a result, applicants' claim 1, as amended, now recites,

"a portability component that runs on a hardware component automatically updates one or more provisioning components to port a directory number for a duration of time, wherein the portability component communicates with a management component through employment of one or more protocols to

update one or more local number portability databases, at least one of the one or more protocols being a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)."

As stated in the Office Action, Mazzarella and Moss do not teach or suggest a portability component that communicates with a management component through employment of a Session Initiation Protocol. (See the rejection of claim 25.) Thus, Mazzarella and Moss are missing the "wherein the portability component communicates with a management component through employment of one or more protocols to update one or more local number portability databases, at least one of the one or more protocols being a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)" elements, as recited in applicants' claim 1.

Therefore the proposed combination of Mazzarella and Moss does not teach or suggest all of the limitations in applicants' claim 1, and therefore claim 1 is allowable over the proposed combination. Since claims 2-17 and 22-25 depend from allowable claim 1, these claims are also allowable over the proposed combination.

Independent claims 18 and 21 each have limitations similar to that of independent claim 1, which was shown are not taught by the proposed combination of Mazzarella and Moss. For example, claim 18 recites, "communicating with a management component through employment of one or more protocols to update one or more local number portability databases, at least one of the one or more protocols being a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)" and claim 21 recites "means in the one or more media for communicating with a management component through employment of one or more protocols to update one or more local number portability databases, at least one of the one or more protocols being a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)". The proposed combination of Mazzarella and Moss does not teach or suggest these limitations for the above-mentioned reasons. Therefore, claims 18 and 21 are likewise allowable over the proposed combination. Since claims 19-20 depend from claim 18, these dependent claims are also allowable over the proposed combination.

Rejections Under Mazzarella, Moss, Petrunka and Moreman

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Mazzarella in view of U. S. Patent Number 6,584,193 issued to Petrunka et al. on June 24, 2003, and further in view of Moss.

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Mazzarella in view of Moss, and further in view of U. S. Patent Application Number 20050074110 issued to Moreman on April 7, 2005.

Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds of rejection.

These rejections are based on the rejection under Mazzarella and Moss being proper. As that ground of rejection has been overcome, and none of the cited references teach or suggest "wherein the portability component communicates with a management component through employment of one or more protocols to update one or more local number portability databases, at least one of the one or more protocols being a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)", as recited in applicants' independent claim 1, or "communicating with a management component through employment of one or more protocols to update one or more local number portability databases, at least one of the one or more protocols being a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)" as recited in applicants' independent claim 18 or "means in the one or more media for communicating with a management component through employment of one or more protocols to update one or more local number portability databases, at least one of the one or more protocols being a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)" as recited in applicants' independent claim 21, the combination of Mazzarella, Moss, Petrunka and Moreland does not supply these missing elements. Thus, this combination does not make obvious any of applicants' claims, all of which require the aforesaid limitations.

New Claim

New claim 26 has been added. Claim 26 provides an additional limitation directed to the portability component. No new matter has been added.

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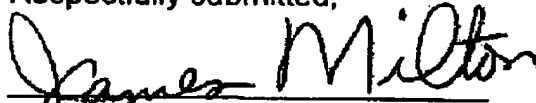
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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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